Section II. Remarks

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the examiner on claims 142-255, as between Group I species (method of culturing cells comprising inoculating the extrapcapillary space of a tangential flow growth device, claims 142-169), Group II species (method for culturing cells comprising inoculating a second set of one or more chambers of a tangential flow growth device, claims 170-187), Group III species (method for culturing cells using a single tangential flow device, claims 188-236) and Group IV species (method for culturing cells comprising a device having three sets of passages, claims 237-255), applicant hereby elects the Group III species (method for culturing cells using a single tangential flow device).

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 188-236 and newly added claims 256-259 (see below).

Addition of New Claims 256-261

New claims 256-261 have been added.

Claim 256 recites a method for culturing cells and producing a product of interest, in which a tangential flow membrane device is utilized. Claims 257-259 are of dependent form thereunder, with claim 257 reciting that cells are cultured in first passages of the tangential flow membrane device, claim 258 reciting that the cultured cells comprise anchored cells, claim 259 reciting that the cultured cells comprise suspension cells, and claim 260 reciting use of at least one additional tangential flow device. Claim 261, of multiple dependent form, is directed to a method according to any one of claims 188 to 236, further comprising use of at least one additional tangential flow device.

The addition of new multiple dependent claim 261, new independent claim 256 and claims 257-260 depending from claim 256, increases the number of independent claims beyond the number for which payment was previously made, adds a multiple dependent claim (new claim 261), and increases the total number of claims by 54. The fee for such added claims is calculated below:

54 total added claims x \$25/claim = \$1350

1 multiple dependent claim x \$180/claim = \$180

1 independent claim x \$100/claim = \$100

Total fee payable for added claims = \$1630

A credit card authorization form in such amount is enclosed for payment of the added claims fee. The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or amounts that are properly payable in connection with the entry of this Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Please initiate examination of the application consistent with the foregoing election and inclusive of the newly added claims 256-261.

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